

3DM Import for Inventor Help

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Welcome to *3DM Import for Inventor* Help!

This help file provides all the information you need to understand and use *3DM Import for Inventor*. Click the links below or use the Contents tab on the left to browse help topics. You can also scroll the topics on the above right hand pane.

The *3DM Import for Inventor* help file is divided into the following sections:

- [Introduction](#) - Introduction to *3DM Import for Inventor*.
- [Command Reference](#) - Quick reference of all the commands added by *3DM Import for Inventor*.
- [Tutorial](#) - Tutorial to get you started in the shortest possible time.

If you need any additional information please [contact](#) SYCODE.

Note:

- If you have trouble loading the *3DM Import for Inventor* add-in file into the Inventor environment, please refer to the [ReadMe](#) file.
- Please read the [License Agreement](#) before using the software.

Introduction

3DM Import for Inventor is a Rhinoceros 3DM file import add-in for Inventor. This add-in gives Inventor the ability to import geometric data from 3DM files.

3DM Import for Inventor reads 3D objects in a Rhinoceros 3DM file and creates corresponding 3D objects in Inventor. Not only does *3DM Import for Inventor* convert NURBS surfaces and solids in 3DM files to surfaces and solids in Inventor, but it also reads polygon mesh data stored in 3DM files and imports it into Inventor. A polygon mesh in a 3DM file is comprised of a set of triangular and/or quad faces. *3DM Import for Inventor* creates trimmed planar surfaces for each triangle/quad and knits them together to create a body. If the polygon mesh is closed (i.e. it does not contain boundary edges) then *3DM Import for Inventor* will create a closed body feature, otherwise an open surface will be created.

3DM Import for Inventor is designed to work with the following versions of Inventor:

- Inventor 2011
- Inventor 2010
- Inventor 2009
- Inventor 2008
- Inventor 11
- Inventor 10
- Inventor 9

3DM Import for Inventor is very easy to use. It adds new commands to Inventor. Once installed, it automatically loads itself into Inventor and adds a new ribbon bar to Inventor called "Add-Ins" containing the newly added commands.

3DM Import for Inventor comes with detailed documentation as well as a [tutorial](#) to get you started in the shortest possible time.

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The 3DM File Format

The 3DM (3D Model) file format is the native file format of Rhinoceros, the NURBS modeling software from Robert McNeel & Associates. The OpenNURBS Initiative was founded by Robert McNeel & Associates in January 2000, with the sole purpose of providing CAD, CAM, CAE and computer graphics software users reliable methods for transferring 3D geometry between applications via the 3DM file format. [TerrainCAD](#), our terrain generation, editing and modeling software, also uses the 3DM file format as its native file format.

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ReadMe

This is the *3DM Import for Inventor* ReadMe file.

3DM Import for Inventor is an add-in for Inventor

The installer adds 3DM Import for Inventor to the list of available add-ins installed for Inventor. To verify whether 3DM Import for Inventor has been properly loaded into Inventor invoke the "Add-In Manager" by clicking on the "Tools" menu and then. Verify that "3DM Import for Inventor" is present in the list of "Available Add-Ins" and make sure that "Loaded/Unloaded" and "Load on Startup" check boxes are checked.

Now 3DM Import for Inventor is ready for use.

Usage:

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3DM Import for Inventor adds new commands to Inventor. It also adds a ribbon bar to the Inventor user interface called "Add-Ins" containing these new commands. Simply click on the buttons in the ribbon bar to run these new commands.

The new commands are:

- 1) Import - Imports a 3DM file
- 2) Help - Display the 3DM Import for Inventor help file
- 3) Register - Display the 3DM Import for Inventor product registration dialog box
- 4) About - Display the 3DM Import for Inventor about box

Support:

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3DM Import for Inventor adds new commands to Inventor. It also adds a ribbon bar to Inventor called "Add-Ins" containing these new commands.

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|--------------------------|---|
| Import | Import a 3DM file |
| Help | Displays the <i>3DM Import for Inventor</i> help file |
| Register | Register your copy of <i>3DM Import for Inventor</i> |
| About | Displays the <i>3DM Import for Inventor</i> about box |

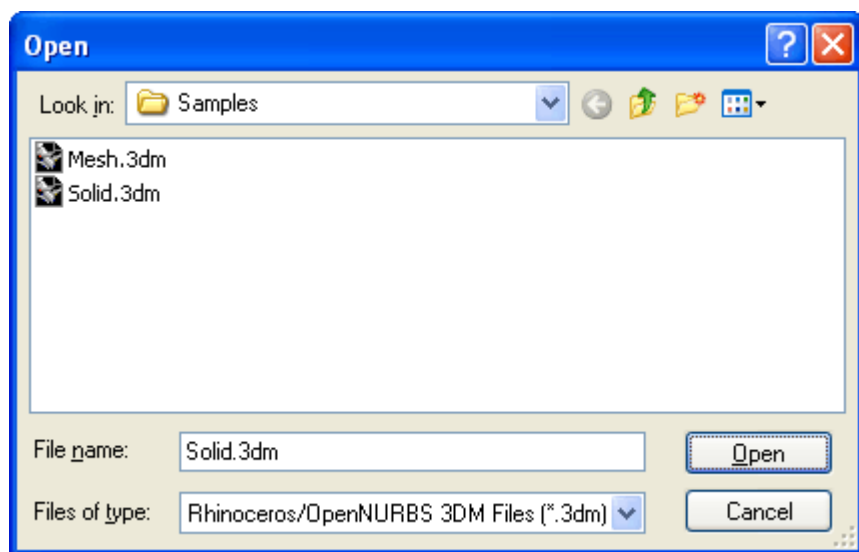
Import

Menu Button Add-Ins > Import

This command imports polygon data from 3DM files into Inventor.

To import a 3DM file

1. Click the *Import* button on the "Add-Ins" ribbon bar.
2. The Inventor "Open" dialog box is displayed. Browse for the 3DM file you wish to import and click *Open*.



Help

Menu Button Add-Ins > Help

This command displays the help file. The [Welcome](#) page is a good place to start.

Register

Menu Button Add-Ins > Register

This command is used to register your copy of *3DM Import for Inventor*.

You need a license key to start using the software. A license key can be of two types: Trial or Permanent. A trial key is issued to you instantly and completely free of cost so that you may try the software before you purchase a license. A permanent key is issued after you have purchased a license.

Product Name: 3DM Import for Inventor 2010 version 1.0

Host ID: 00-1E-8C-9C-71-44

License Key: 2mA10C1f6501j740Cejwtg23SYrHNP04Tf1DQAAH0BzD0807F9h70RE971709mW04pU610D119EA0DC3D0rUNMA149BDJI8Zw.'BC4Cnt4XCcd0FA8506PEDwEAARI02c

How do I get a license key?

=== LICENSE KEY PARAMETERS ===
 Key type: Trial
 Expires: 03-Oct-2009
 Runs remaining: 10

How do I get a Trial Key?

Simply click the 'Request Key' button and select 'TRIAL KEY' as the type of key being requested. Fill the form and submit it. A trial key will be immediately sent to you by email.

How do I get a Permanent Key?

To get a permanent key you need to have already purchased a license. If you have not yet purchased a license you can do so by clicking the 'Buy Online' button. After you place your order click the 'Request Key' button and select 'PERMANENT KEY' as the type of key being requested. Fill the form and submit it. Your order will be verified and a permanent key will be sent to you by email within one business day.

IMPORTANT:

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- (1) Please ensure that your computer is connected to the internet before you request for a key.
- (2) Please be sure to enter a valid email address as the key will be sent to you by email.
- (3) To avoid disruption in your work-flow we urge you to place your order before the trial period ends.

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About

Menu Button Add-Ins > About

This command displays the *3DM Import for Inventor* About box. The About box lists the software and its version.

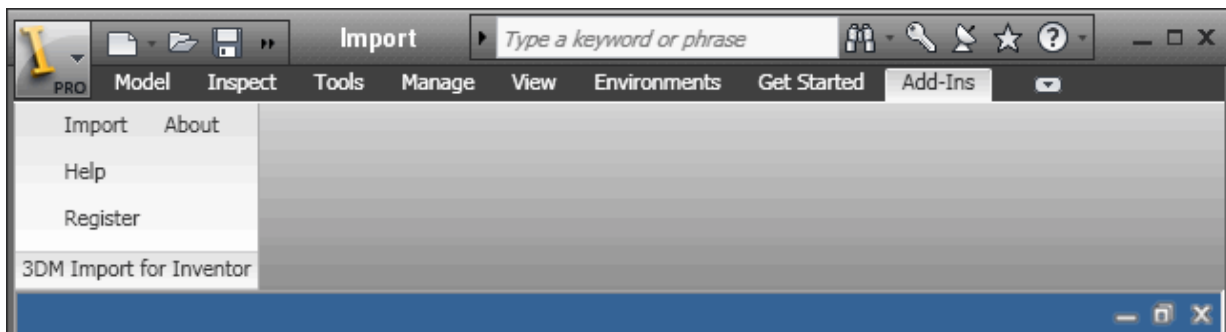


Tutorial

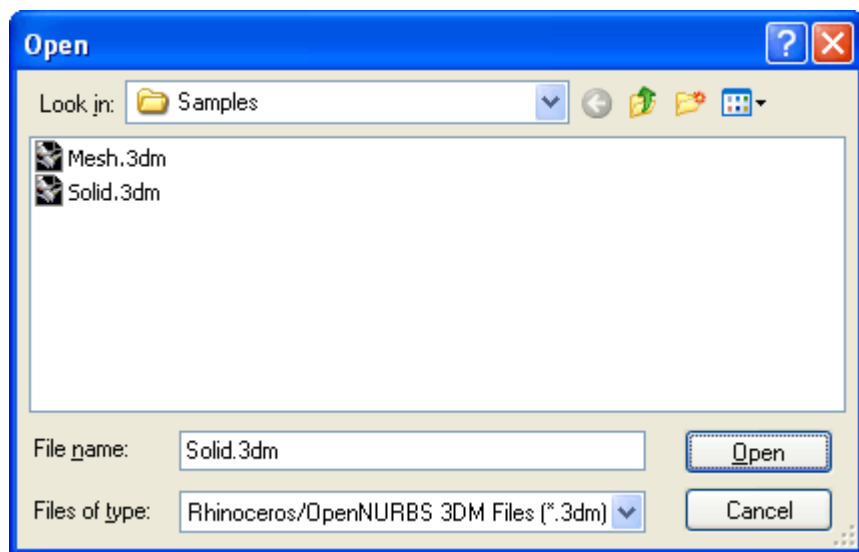
This tutorial provides the necessary information and hands-on experience to help you get started with *3DM Import for Inventor*.

Step 1: Start Inventor.

Step 2: Click the *Import* button on the "Add-Ins" ribbon bar.



Step 3: The Inventor "Open" dialog box is displayed. Browse for the file C:\Program Files\SYCODE\3DM Import for Inventor\Samples\Sample 1.3dm and click *Open*.



The figure below shows the final result.

